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TO AMEMBASSY VALLETTA  
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON  
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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PMIL, MT

SUBJECT: MALTESE NEUTRALITY GUARANTEE

REFERENCE: ROME 13473

1. IN VIEW OF MANNO'S STATEMENT (REFTEL) THAT ITALIANS  
WILLING TO CONSIDER CHANGE IN MALTESE NEUTRALITY DECLARATION  
LANGUAGE IF MALTESE REQUEST IT, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE  
ADDRESSEE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS. DOES VALLETTA BELIEVE  
US APPROACH TO MINTOFF ON SUBJECT FEASIBLE OR WOULD  
EUROPEAN APPROACH BE PREFERABLE?

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2. WE UNDERSTAND ITALIAN EMBARRASSMENT RE  
CHANGING BACK TO LANGUAGE THEY ORIGINALLY WORKED HARD TO  
BROAD-N TO INCLUDE MAJOR ALLIANCES. IF MINTOFF REQUEST  
WOULD ACCOMPLISH PURPOSE, WE SHOULD FIND WAY TO PROMPT IT.  
HOWEVER WE MANAGE IT, OUR REQUIREMENT IS FOR LANGUAGE THAT  
EXCLUDES SOVIETS, A GOAL WHICH WE UNDERSTAND OUR ALLIES

AND MINTOFF SHARE. CHRISTOPHER

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